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### NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 2/2/48

WEATHER There was no precipitation during the week except a few snow flurries. The first two days were severely cold, but temperatures were seasonal from then on, except turning cold at the end of the week.

CROPS Reports from the counties indicate that considerable corn is being shelled and some is being sold. Reports from counties vary from those showing a little surplus to counties that need more corn for local consumption. Some counties report that farmers are feeding other grain instead of corn because of an insufficient quantity. There is still a little left to husk. One county reports that farmers are paying \$2.60 for corn and \$1.32 for oats at the elevator.

The snow in western Nebraska was a benefit, as the surface soil was getting a little dry. Wheat is still being sown in western Nebraska where the outlook for the crop is very good. There is some apprehension as to the outcome of the late planted wheat in the southern counties. While precipitation has not been heavy, there has generally been enough to keep the soil packed around the small wheat plants which will tend to minimize the ill effect of sub-zero temperatures.

In western Nebraska, farmers are grading and shipping potatoes. Reports throughout the State indicate a considerable number of auction sales. Some farmers are selling out and quitting farming because they are unable to find land to rent. There is a brisk demand for rental land, and some have been buying and paying top prices for land in order to get a farm to operate.

Reports indicate that 37% of the counties have a shortage of feed grains, 59% ample and 4% a surplus. About 19% of the counties report a shortage of concentrates and 81% an ample supply. On hay and forage, 16% of the counties report short, 81% ample and 3% surplus. On range and pasture, 49% of the counties report a shortage, 49% ample and 3% surplus. On the corn supply, 44% of the counties report a shortage, 49% ample and 7% a surplus.

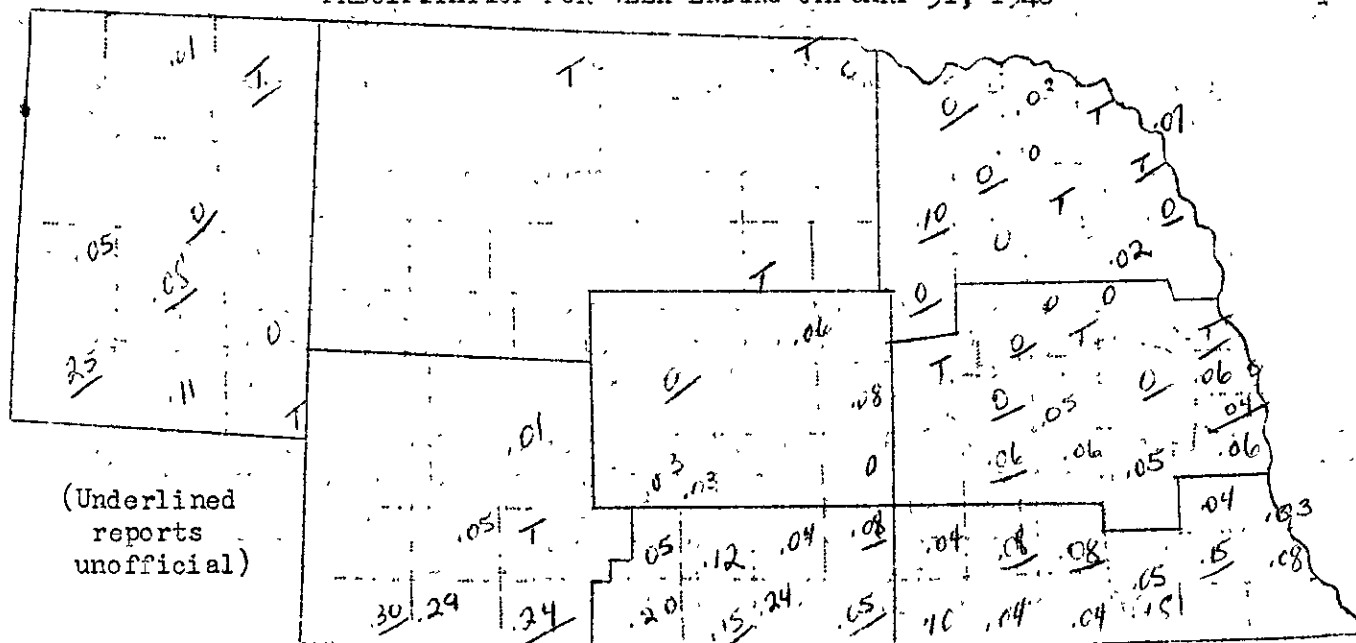
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Cold weather of the past two months has necessitated feeding larger quantities of hay and some local shortages are becoming evident. There is a tendency to feed a little less corn in favor of other feed grains when available. Farmers are utilizing stalk fields. Cold weather has reduced milk production. Poultry prices are low in comparison with feed costs. Some losses of cattle from black leg were reported. There is a rapid movement of hogs to market. Ranchers are treating stock for grubs and lice.

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WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 2, 1948.

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island 0	Burwell 0	Chadron .02
Lincoln .05	North Platte 0	Hayes Center 0
Norfolk 0	Valentine 0	Scottsbluff 0
Omaha 0		Sidney 0
Sioux City 0		

PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 31, 1948



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hours ending 6:30 a.m.)

		Jan.		28th		29th		30th		31st		Feb.	
		27th		28th		29th		30th		31st		1st	2nd
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
MT	Chadron	10	-11	18	-12	38	16	43	8	50	16	40	8
	Scottsbluff	12	-10	12	-16	34	8	42	13	45	15	39	7
	Sidney	11	-17	8	-23	30	7	34	0	42	5	35	-1
N-C	Burwell	15	--	15	-15	33	--	32	--	33	9	30	9
	Valentine	8	-6	11	-4	36	12	37	9	38	14	34	11
NE	Norfolk	16	-13	-1	-18	24	7	29	0	29	1	23	10
	Sioux City	19	-14	-1	-17	23	0	30	4	31	12	30	20
Cen.	Grand Island	18	-5	8	-6	22	5	33	17	31	17	32	15
E-C	Lincoln	15	-8	4	-11	19	8	30	21	28	20	29	15
	Omaha	16	-10	3	-11	21	6	32	12	27	16	30	18
ST	Hayes Center	9	-8	10	-17	22	12	34	8	38	7	30	11
	North Platte	14	-4	13	-11	25	7	37	7	36	11	37	10

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